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"Children will live in safe, healthy and supportive families and communities."

If you suspect a child is being abused or neglected, call the Child Abuse & Neglect Hotline at (800) 800-5556.

Residential & DCS Monthly Meeting

Date: 1/8/2025; 2:00PM- 3:00PM TEAMS

Introduction of New Employees (Ashlee Prewitt)

- Tiara Arrington – central region Residential Licensing Specialist
- Andrea Tinsley – southern region Clinical Licensing Specialist

Audit Process Update Reminders (Ashlee Prewitt)

- Audit Preparation Meetings
 - o Standardizing audit preparation meetings –
 - expanding with additional auditing purposes and information gathering on agency operation.
- Reviewing each audit point to assist in eliminating first day of the audit scramble for all and less disruptive.

2025 Background Check Audits (Ashlee Prewitt)

- Residential Licensing appreciated the efforts of agencies uploading documents through the portal.
- Annual Background Check Audit Submissions: 30 Calendar Days Prior to audit through the portal
- Relicensure Background Check Audit Submissions: 90 Calendar Days Prior to audit through the portal. Need to have time to review records and correction needed that would delay relicensure of facility.
 - o Exception due to today's update - Quarter 1 Relicensure: 45 Calendar Days Prior to the audit through the portal
- 2024 audit review 45% of corrective action plan were background check
- If there are new staff who are processing background checks, please reach out to residential licensing.
- If have issues can reach out to residential licensing

HMA Recommendations Follow Up (Crystal Byrne)

- DCS Licensing leadership held two workgroups with Residential Providers & IARCA (12/5 & 12/19) to discuss HMA Recommendations and path forward to implementation
- Thank you to those that attended.

Intensive Foster Care Services (Crystal Byrne) (David Reed)

- Made progress getting youth into program. Have 60 referrals presently
- Have a number of referrals for preplacement portion of the program.
- Assist with youth overstaying in residential facilities which will support youth not regressing in residential setting.
- Focus so youth can be discharged the day they have completed Residential treatment.
- Facilities should be contacted when matches are made.
- This does not replace aftercare services.
- ESC and D&E programs will have opportunities to give more advocacy to youth who could benefit from this program. Can reach out to Crystal Byrne or Rebecca Roy. For long term programs can reach out to integrated team clinicians, placing agency, and treatment team to inquiry if a youth could be considered.



About Indiana DCS: *The Indiana Department of Child Services leads the state's response to allegations of child abuse and neglect and facilitates child support payments. We consider the needs and values of all we serve in our efforts to protect children while keeping families together whenever possible.*

ICPR –

- Have auto populated ICPR's for end of year.
- For ESC, D&E or enhanced rate that agencies didn't receive or were incorrect, please reach out to the referral source.
- If having issues with response please escalate through the field chain of command.

